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SUBJECT: BRITISH INTEREST IN BUY AMERICAN AMENDMENT

TO ALASKAN PIPELINE BILL

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1. SEPTEMBER 20 "FINANCIAL TIMES" ARTICLE DATEDINED
WASHINGTON REVIEWS PROGRESS BEING MADE BY JOINT SENATE-
HOUSE CONFERENCE ON FINAL VERSION OF ALASKA PIPELINE
BILL. FT NOTES THAT, ALTHOUGH LITTLE DOUBT CONFERENCE
WILL IRON OUT DIFFERENCES BY NEXT WEEK, ADMINISTRATION
IS TRYING HARD TO HEAD OFF POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES.

2. IN DISCUSSING AMENDMENT TO LIMIT SUPPLY OF MATERIALS
AND SERVICES FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION TO US NATIONALS
AS PROPOSED BY CONGRESSWOMAN BURKE, FT STATES "THE
BRITISH GOVERNMENT, MINDFUL OF PRESSURES TO TAKE
SIMILAR ACTION IN THE NORTH SEA AGAINST US OIL INDUSTRY
SUPPLIES, HAS PROTESTED AGAINST THE AMENDMENT AS A
RESTRICTIVE TRADE BARRIER." (SEE LONDON 10457 REPORTING
PRESS COMMENT ON HMG AIDES-MEMOIRE ON PROPOSED "BUY
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AMERICAN" LEGISLATION.)

3. FT ALSO NOTES ADMINISTRATION CONCERN ABOUT
AMENDMENTS TO PREVENT EXPORT OF ALASKAN NORTH SLOPE
CRUDE AND TO REQUIRE PIPELINE TO BE IN CONFORMITY WITH
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.

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